

# DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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# CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT

(YEAR 2022)

## BACKGROUND

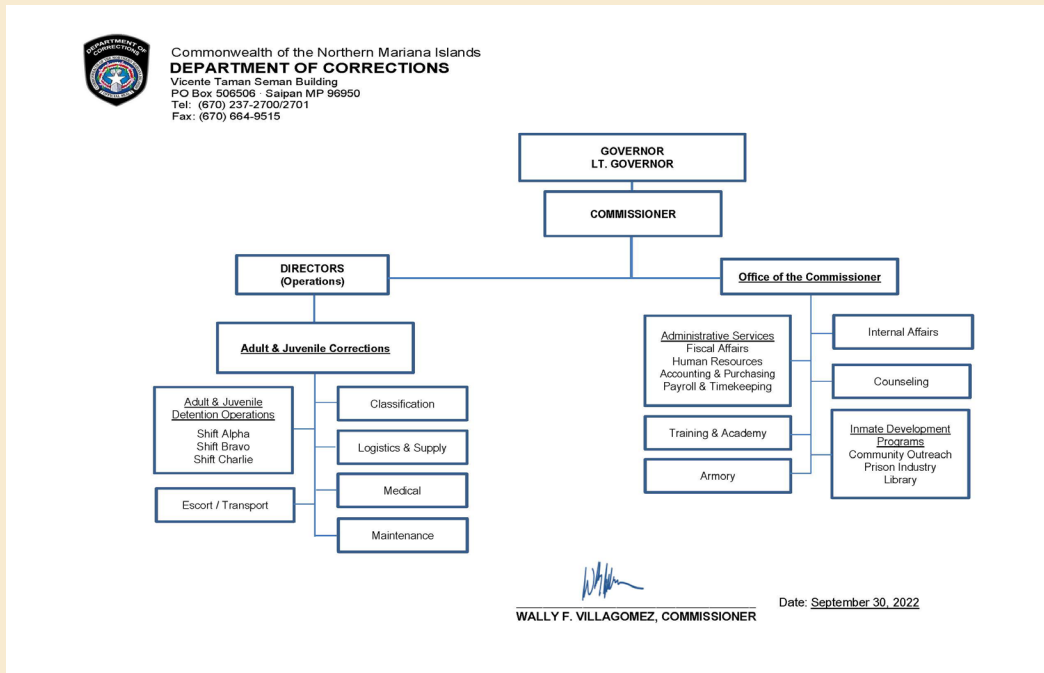
### Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Corrections is to improve public safety by housing detainees and inmates in a safe, secure, and humane environment that meets constitutional standards for confinement and to provide inmates opportunities to participate in rehabilitative programs to assist them in becoming law-abiding citizens.

### Department Overview

In general, the Department of Corrections (DOC), pursuant to Public Law 14-25, has a primary responsibility for all adult correctional services and adult offender detention throughout the Commonwealth, including the Rule Making Authority to prescribe necessary rules and regulations for the department as well as to enforce the provisions of the law. As such, over the years, the department has adopted and guided by such rules and regulations, established operational policies and procedures, that was approved under a U.S. Consent Decree Order, issued on May 20, 2014. In addition, Executive Order 2004-011 transferred the Juvenile Detention Unit to the Department of Corrections.

In order to meet the mandates, mission, and programs of the Department of Corrections, employees are assigned to divisions and units as necessary. See chart below.



## HIGHLIGHTS PERFORMANCE

In last year's CCR, the Department of Corrections reported the planning stage of the 9<sup>th</sup> Cycle Corrections Academy. As a result of the many efforts, DOC is proud to report that in collaboration with the Northern Marianas College and the Workforce Investment Agency, the Academy began on May 31, 2022, and is set to conclude on October 7, 2022, with 38 cadets completing and graduating as Corrections Officers. These cadets will provide the much-needed manpower and will help reduce stress caused by long work hours.

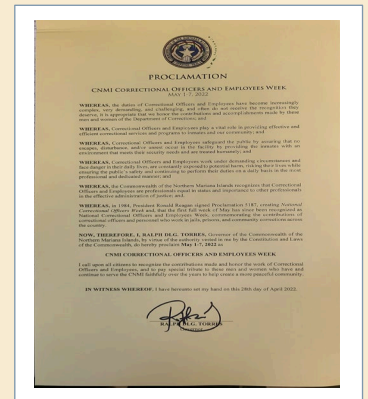
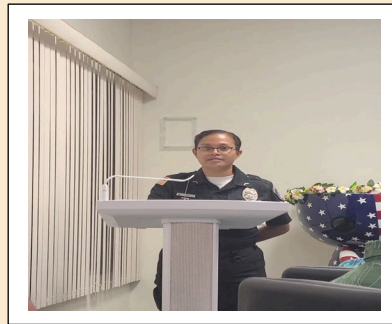
In July 2022, the Department of Corrections participated in the Governor's Youth Summer Employment Program. DOC received five youths ranging from ages 14 to 17. The youths were provided information on the mandates and existence of the Department of Corrections, the duties and responsibilities of a corrections officer, and were trained on office skills and technologies. Although the program ran for about seven weeks, it is our hope that in the future, one or two of these participants may be interested in becoming corrections officer.

While training of the cadets and youth participants were taking place at the Susupe DOC facility, the DOC Community Outreach Program and the Northern Marianas Trade Institute (NMTI) were also providing certified training in trade skills to qualified inmates entering the program at the DOC facility in Capitol Hill. The skills and knowledge gained by inmates benefit both the inmates and government agencies. Inmates are allowed to restore, repair, and renovate government buildings. Other services the program provides are lawn maintenance, landscaping of grounds, and participating in beautification projects at beach and park sites. These skills will help our inmates gain employment upon release back to society.

The Department of Corrections continues to make do with limited resources. DOC appreciates and applauds its hard-working and dedicated employees and officers.

### CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES WEEK

(May 1-7, 2022)



### 2022 CNMI GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Correction Officer II Carmen L. Iba



## FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR	AVAILABLE FUNDS – BUSINESS UNIT 1335/1301	ESTIMATED EXPENSE	NOTES
FISCAL YEAR 2019	\$4,783,821	\$5,669,042	IMPACTED BY SUPER TYPHOON YUTU
FISCAL YEAR 2020	\$2,217,345	\$4,729,917	IMPACTED BY COVID-19
FISCAL YEAR 2021	\$2,820,572	\$6,694,255	IMPACTED BY COVID-19 / FUNDING ASSISTANCE BY ARPA
FISCAL YEAR 2022	\$5,378,924	Not Available	FUNDING: LOCAL APPROPRIATION/ ARPA
FISCAL YEAR 2023	\$3,388,734		ARPA Funds not available as of submission

YEAR	AVAILABLE FUNDS – BUSINESS UNIT 1335A/1302	ESTIMATED EXPENSE	NOTES
FISCAL YEAR 2019	\$448,694	\$649,814	IMPACTED BY SUPER TYPHOON YUTU
FISCAL YEAR 2020	\$241,471	\$577,261	IMPACTED BY COVID-19
FISCAL YEAR 2021	\$343,953	\$543,461	IMPACTED BY COVID-19 / FUNDING ASSISTANCE BY ARPA
FISCAL YEAR 2022	\$449,571	Not Available	FUNDING: LOCAL APPROPRIATION/ ARPA
FISCAL YEAR 2023	\$339,486		ARPA Funds not available as of submission

YEAR	EST. SPECIAL FUNDING 3022 / COMPACT IMPACT	ESTIMATED EXPENSE	NOTES
FISCAL YEAR 2019	\$630,380	\$200,424	
FISCAL YEAR 2020	\$779,035	\$471,982	
FISCAL YEAR 2021	\$779,035	\$393,647	
FISCAL YEAR 2022	\$542,491	Not Available	
FISCAL YEAR 2023	\$190,000 (Beg. Of FY2023)		Total funds TBD end of FY2023

ACTIVE EMPLOYEES	2018	2019	2020	2020	2021	2022
OFFICERS (SWORN PERSONNEL)	114	109	100	98	100	91
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES	8	11	11	14	11	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>103</b>

BASED ON JANUARY OF EACH YEAR

## FUTURE OUTLOOK

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To complete the ongoing legal review of those affecting the correctional system existing laws and policies formulated in accordance with the standards established by the American Correctional Association, as ordered and approved in granting the CNMI a Final Termination of the Consent Decree on May 20, 2014;
2. To complete the ongoing replacement of the Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System, HVAC System, and the Security Surveillance System;
3. Identify and apply for more federal funding or Capital Improvement Project funding to address other existing inoperable or unreliable building maintenance systems such as but not limited to Reverse Osmosis (RO) System, Touch Screen Security Control System, etc.;
4. Revisit the statutory requirement of the Juvenile Detention Unit with regards to oversight of administrative and operational responsibilities;
5. Fully staff the Medical Unit with a Physician and Nurse to provide regular and or urgent medical care attention for persons confined in the institution; and,
6. Continue to provide employees and officers with training opportunities, on-island or abroad, to enhance skills and knowledge on current issues, correctional modules, and modern techniques that work.

**9<sup>th</sup> Cycle Corrections Academy  
(May 31, 2022 – October 7, 2022)**

